



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM

City Hall

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Troy Linnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Flag Salute

3. Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Troy Linnell
Council Member Brenna Franco
Council Member Gordon Cook
Council Member Timothy Fairley
Council Member Lynda Osborn
Council Member William Thomas

Staff Present: Russ Avery, Public Works Director; James Schrimpsheer, Chief of Police; Jessica Griess, City Clerk

4. Presentation

- A. Community Center Board Member Confirmations for Patricia Goodwin, Kim Cook, Matthew Ray, and Lisa Martin

Motion made by Council Member Cook to confirm Patricia Goodwin, Kim Cook, Matthew Ray and Lisa Martin, Seconded by Council Member Fairley.
Voting Yea: Council Member Franco, Council Member Cook, Council Member Fairley, Council Member Osborn, Council Member Thomas

- B. City Administrator Confirmation, Jessica Griess

Motion made by Council Member Franco to confirm Jessica Griess as the City Administrator effective October 1st, 2023, Seconded by Council Member Fairley.
Voting Yea: Council Member Franco, Council Member Cook, Council Member Fairley, Council Member Osborn, Council Member Thomas

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Council Member Thomas to amend the agenda to include item 10A Employment Contract, Seconded by Council Member Fairley. Voting Yea: Council Member Franco, Council Member Cook, Council Member Fairley, Council Member Osborn, Council Member Thomas

Motion made by Council Member Thomas to approve the amended agenda, Seconded by Council Member Osborn.

Voting Yea: Council Member Franco, Council Member Cook, Council Member Fairley, Council Member Osborn, Council Member Thomas

6. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

September 11th, 2023 Council Meeting

September 11th, 2023 Workshop Meeting

B. Audit of Reports

1. Claims #113167 - #113192 \$163,460.12

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2. Payroll # - # \$ 70,781.22

September 15, 2023

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7. Reports

Council Member Franco - None.

Council Member Cook - None.

Council Member Fairley - None.

Council Member Osborn - None.

Council Member Thomas - None.

Public Works Director Avery - Repaired a valve at our lift station. The control panel needs to be replaced, but the cost is high so we're going to replace the minimum to keep it operating and do a full lift station replacement in a couple years. The crew is keeping up on clearing catch basins and mowing easements.

Police Chief Schrimpsheer - Attended Crisis Intervention training last week. All the officers are required to take the training. They provided some insight into local resources including the mobile crisis unit. We had West Valley closed over the weekend for a car fire. Sgt. Aponte's last day is October 1st. Him and his family will be moving to Florida. I want to thank him for his hard work and dedication to the City. We gave a conditional offer of employment to an applicant for the Police Specialist position. We also gave a conditional offer to the last member on our eligibility list to replace Hector's position. We will be building that list again shortly.

City Clerk Griess - Welcome to our new Community Center Advisory Board Members. Had two applications for the Junior Council. Still looking for more members. Hoping to have the first meeting in November. Attended the Washington Finance Officers Association conference and learned a lot. Reminder to Council, we have the Wetland Dedication event October 5th at 11:00. Community, please fill out the comprehensive plan survey.

Mayor Linnell - Since I have been on the Council and now as Mayor, the only time we hear citizen comment is when things are put into place. Each of you are encouraged to be involved and stay informed. Attendance at the Council meetings is not necessary since we are now on YouTube. We've worked hard to correct the poor audio issues. We also have the three-touch rule giving extra time for Council and the public's review. Agendas are set and available the Friday before meetings on our website. Staff relies on feedback from citizens to make informed decisions. We're also starting citizen committees to keep community engagement. There are a lot of projects on the horizon and appreciate the feedback.

8. Audience Participation

The City Council encourages public participation during meetings of the City Council and welcomes your comments. This time is set-aside for you to speak to the City Council on any issue. The Council ordinarily takes non-agenda matters under advisement before taking action. You are also invited to comment on action items as they are considered during the meeting. Individual speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes each in addressing the City Council. When addressing the Council, please speak clearly and audibly and state your name and address for the record.

Christy Rodriguez, Milwaukee Blvd - Referencing the MUTCD, stop signs should not be used for speed control. Without an engineer study, the City cannot put in a stop sign. Another thing the Council should take into consideration from the Algona Community Facebook group, I felt belittled on the Facebook group by the Police Chief and feel that City officials need to hold themselves professionally. I have been a resident of this community since I was a kid. It was known in high school that you don't speed in Algona and that's what the Police were known for. I ask the Council if there is an engineering study for this stop sign.

Chief Schrimpscher asked the Council if he could respond and Mayor said yes. Chief expressed that it was not his intention to make anyone feel slighted and was requested by the Mayor to respond. We did have a traffic study to be done about a year ago. Another consideration for the placement was the approval for another building causing line of sight issues at the 8th Ave and Algona Blvd. Another factor is the work being done for the South King County Transfer Station causing road closures on West Valley Hwy. It's more about the reduction of harm to our local roads with the increase traffic.

Christy Rodriguez read the Facebook comment made by Chief Schrimpscher:

"This is the police chief and as the document that was referenced states: The literal message of a STOP sign is clear and uncomplicated. The intent behind a STOP sign is to assign and control right-of-way. STOP signs are considered at locations where the prevailing traffic volumes and reported collision history make assignment of right-of-way desirable. As simple as that may appear on the surface, the decision to install these signs requires careful consideration of engineering criteria.

For the next several months there are going to be major road closures in the area increasing the traffic volume on Algona Blvd. thus creating a need for some traffic calming measures. Let me be clear that this decision is not just to address speed but to keep the added traffic under control.

As the original post states this a temporary change for the purpose of calming traffic. Thank you for the great question and feel free to reach out to me directly for further information."

Chief reiterated that he meant it to be only informal in his Facebook comment. Christy also reiterated that stop signs are not to be used by speed control.

Chris Gomez, 527 Main St - My son had the reputation among his friends for always getting pulled over in Algona. I believe Chief and the police have done a great job and are fair. I am tired of Waste Management and do not want to see them in the City anymore.

9. Discussion

A. Preliminary 2024 Revenue Sources

Tara Dunford, CPA, presented the preliminary revenue sources for the 2024 budget.

B. Wetland Preserve Final Design Scope of Work with Natural Systems Design

Jessica Griess provided insight into the Natural Systems Design Scope of Work for the final design phase of the wetland preserve. Next meeting will include the contract document.

C. Resolution 1262-23, Waste Management New Rate Structure

The Council reviewed the Waste Management rate structure to begin January 1st, 2024, for the second time.

D. King County Re+ Grant Agreement

City Clerk Griess briefed the Council on the Re+ grant agreement.

E. King County External Support Grant for Sound Garden

The grant agreement is for the \$25,000 for the Sound Garden addition in Matchett Park.

F. Resolution 1265-23, Surplus of Public Works Assets

Russ Avery briefed the Council on the Surplus list of Public Works equipment.

10. New Business

A. City Administrator Employment Contract

Motion made by Council Member Thomas to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement for the City Administrator position, Seconded by Council Member Franco.

Voting Yea: Council Member Franco, Council Member Cook, Council Member Fairley, Council Member Osborn, Council Member Thomas

11. Old Business

12. Ordinances & Resolution

- A. Ordinance 1224-23, Amending Ch. 15.04 International Codes and Ch. 2.43 Building Official

Motion made by Council Member Thomas, Seconded by Council Member Fairley.
Voting Yea: Council Member Franco, Council Member Cook, Council Member Fairley,
Council Member Osborn, Council Member Thomas

- B. Resolution 1260-23, Tacoma Blvd Water Main Replacement Project Bid Award

Motion made by Council Member Thomas to waive the three-touch rule, Seconded by
Council Member Cook. Voting Yea: Council Member Franco, Council Member Cook,
Council Member Fairley, Council Member Osborn, Council Member Thomas

Motion made by Council Member Thomas to approve Resolution 1260-23, Seconded by
Council Member Franco.

Voting Yea: Council Member Franco, Council Member Cook, Council Member Fairley,
Council Member Osborn, Council Member Thomas

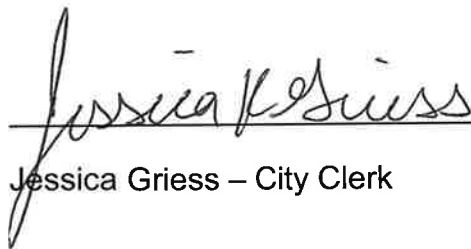
13. Next Workshop

Traffic enforcement stats and ditch drone footage

14. Adjournment

Mayor Linnell adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM.

ATTEST:



Jessica Griess – City Clerk



Troy Linnell – Mayor